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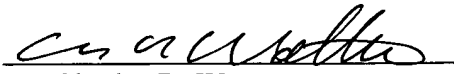
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Box No. 1 Basis of the report

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- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
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☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages 1-32 as originally filed/furnished

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☒ the claims:

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☒ the drawings:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-7, 9-22, 24-26	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-7, 9-22, 24-26	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-7, 9-22, 24-26	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: JP 2002-152595 A (Nippon Hoso Kyokai), 24 May 2002

Document 2: JP 62-185471 A (Hitachi, Ltd.), 13 August 1987

Document 3: JP 2001-251555 A (Canon Inc.), 14 September 2001

Document 4: JP 11-196333 A (Citizen Watch Co., Ltd.), 21 July 1999

Document 5: JP 4-290081 A (Sony Corp.), 14 October 1992

Document 6: JP 9-246516 A (Sharp Corp.), 19 September 1997

Document 7: JP 11-237665 A (Canon Inc.), 31 August 1999

Document 8: JP 6-217203 A (Olympus Optical Co., Ltd.), 05 August 1994

Document 9: JP 11-266399 A (Sony Corp.), 28 September 1999

The inventions set forth in claims 1 to 7, 9 to 22 and 24 to 26 are not disclosed in any of the documents that are cited in the international search report, and would not have been obvious to a person skilled in the art.